

# Senate Joint Memorials

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

**To the Honorable Fred Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable James Murray, Chairman of Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the United States Senate; the Honorable Clair Engle, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Felix Wornser, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Minerals; the Honorable Waino Hendrickson, Acting Governor of Alaska; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska; and to the United States Congress:**

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Third Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, there is located on the highly mineralized Seward Peninsula of northwestern Alaska over 1,000 square miles that are considered by the U. S. Geological Survey and the U. S. Bureau of Mines to have commercial tin possibilities; and,

WHEREAS, there are within this area large quantities of tin-bearing material proven by test-drilling; and,

WHEREAS, World War II spotlighted the appalling lack of tin in the United States, either stock-piled, or in the ground as known reserves, and,

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the world supply of tin is produced in

those countries now under the influence of, or dominated by, communism; and,

WHEREAS, Asia, and particularly Malaya, Indonesia, and Thailand, the chief source of supply would immediately be cut off in case of war; and,

WHEREAS, Bolivia, the remaining chief source of supply, has through expropriation and nationalization of tin rendered the industry extremely unstable and precarious; and,

WHEREAS, a dependable supply of tin is an absolute essential to our ever expanding economy and to our national security, both in time of war and peace:

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Regular Session assembled, urges that the Congress of the United States enact Legislation to bring domestic tin into the same category as tungsten and other strategic metals, extending over a period of years sufficient to allow ample time for privately financed exploration, and thereafter development and production from the existing domestic deposits, and those which may be discovered.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

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Passed by the House February 11, 1957.